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Mr. Guy Watts
Office of General Counsel
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Watts:

Enclosed is the affidavit we discussed. It needs to be notarized.

Thank you for agreeing to facilitate its execution.

Sincerely,

Barry F. Kowalski
Special Litigation Counsel
Criminal Section

Enclosure

State of Virginia)
)
Fairfax County)

AFFIDAVIT OF MARRELL McCOLLOUGH

I, Marrell McCollough, do hereby depose, swear and state:

1. On April 4, 1968, I was a member of the Memphis Police Department, assigned in an undercover capacity to infiltrate a group of young black activists known as the Invaders. When Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was shot, I was in the parking lot of the Lorraine Motel with some of his associates. I immediately rushed to him on the balcony where he lay. Concerned about my own safety as I approached Dr. King, I was watching the area across Mulberry Street from where I thought the shot had been fired. I saw no one and nothing unusual.

2. I am aware that someone named Loyd Jowers has made allegations that I met with other officers of the Memphis Police Department in Jim's Grill to plot the assassination of Dr. King and that, later, I participated in that plot.

3. I have never been in Jim's Grill in Memphis, Tennessee, and never met Loyd Jowers.

4. I have never met with any Memphis Police officers or anyone else regarding plans to kill Dr. King.

5. I never participated in any manner in any plan or plot to assassinate Dr. King.

I declare under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true correct.

Marrell McCollough
MARRELL McCOLLOUGH
28 Sept 1999

State of Virginia
County of Fairfax

Acknowledged and Subscribed to before me this 28th day of September 1999 by Marrell McCollough.

Karla Lynn Dudley
NOTARY PUBLIC
My commission expires: 31 July 2002